

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An injection molding nozzle comprising: ~~having~~

a nozzle tip, said nozzle tip having comprising:

a cylindrical body portion,[[;]]

a tapered tip portion extending from an end of said body portion, wherein said tip portion includes a ~~at least one~~ planar outer surface area along a length thereof,[[;]] and

a centrally located melt bore extending through ~~at least a portion of~~ said body portion and at least a portion of said tip portion[[s]] and having a melt bore outlet, wherein said planar outer surface area of said tip portion is at least partially located above said melt bore outlet.

Claim 2 (canceled).

3. (currently amended) The injection molding nozzle of claim 21 [[1]], wherein said body portion includes a plurality of planar surface areas.

4. (currently amended) The injection molding nozzle of claim 1, wherein said tapered tip portion further includes a plurality of planar surface areas.

5. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 1, further comprising a diverted melt bore extending from an end of said centrally located melt bore.

6. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 5, wherein at least a portion of said at least one planar surface area is located above said diverted melt bore.

7. (currently amended) An injection molding nozzle comprising: having

a nozzle tip, said nozzle tip having comprising:

a body portion₁[[;]]

a tip portion extending from an end of said body portion, wherein said tip portion includes a at least one concave outer surface area₁[[;]]and

a centrally located melt bore extending through ~~at least a portion of~~ said body and at least a portion of said tip portion[[s]] and having a melt bore outlet, wherein said concave outer surface area of said tip portion is at least partially located above said melt bore outlet.

8. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 7, wherein said body portion includes at least one concave outer surface area.

9. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 7, wherein said body portion includes a plurality of concave outer surface areas.

10. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 7, wherein said tip portion further includes a plurality of concave outer surface areas.

11. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 7, further comprising a diverted melt bore extending from an end of said centrally located melt bore.

12. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 11, wherein at least a portion of said at least one concave outer surface area is located above said diverted melt bore.

13. (currently amended) An injection molding nozzle comprising: having

a nozzle tip, said nozzle tip having

a body portion₁[[;]]

a tip portion extending from an end of said body portion, wherein said tip portion includes a ~~at least one~~ convex outer surface area₁[[;]] and

a centrally located melt bore extending through at least a portion of said body and tip portions.

14. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 13, wherein said body portion includes at least one convex outer surface area.

15. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 13, wherein said body portion includes a plurality of convex outer surface areas.

16. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 13, wherein said tip portion further includes a plurality of convex outer surface areas.

17. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 13, further comprising a diverted melt bore extending from an end of said centrally located melt bore.

18. (previously presented) The injection molding nozzle of claim 17, wherein at least a portion of said at least one convex outer surface area is located above said diverted melt bore.

Claim 19 (canceled).

20. (currently amended) An injection molding nozzle comprising: ~~having~~

a nozzle tip, said nozzle tip having

a body portion₁[[;]]

a tip portion extending from an end of said body portion, wherein said tip portion has a polygonal cross section₁[[;]] and

a centrally located melt bore extending through at least a portion of said body and tip portions.

21. (new) An injection molding nozzle comprising:

a nozzle tip, said nozzle tip having

a body portion including at least one planar outer surface area,

a tip portion extending from an end of said body portion, wherein said tip portion includes at least one planar outer surface area, and

a centrally located melt bore extending through at least a portion of said body and tip portions.